

INSTRUCTION

Class Rank, weighted/bonus credit/dual enrollment

A. Class Rank, weight/bonus credit

The following procedures will be used in computing the class rank of students.

1. Procedure for all courses

Each final grade will be given the indicated value: A=4, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B=3, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C=2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D=1.0, E=0. Each indicated value for a year course is to be recorded twice, and each indicated value for a semester course is to be recorded once. The values are to be totaled and divided by the number of values used to obtain the total. The division of the total is to be carried to four (4) decimal places in obtaining the grade point average of the student.

2. Awarding Bonus Credit for Approved Courses

After the grade point average of the student has been determined, bonus credit will be added for advanced placement courses and specifically approved international baccalaureate and dual enrollment courses.

The Department of Teaching and Learning will determine which courses shall receive bonus credit.

a. Year-long courses.

Bonus credit will be awarded as follows for year-long courses: (A, A-) = .0488, (B+, B, B-) = .0366, (C+, C, C-) = .0244, (D+, D) = .0122, E=0.

b. Semester-long courses.

Bonus credit will be awarded as follows for semester-long courses: (A, A-) = .0244; (B+, B, B-) = .0183; (C+, C, C-) = .0122; (D+, D) = .0061; and E = 0.

c. Example.

Total Grade Point Average: 3.4167

One (1) Yearlong Advanced Placement Course, with grade of "A/93":  
.0488 bonus

One (1) Semester Magnet Course, with a grade of "B/86": .0183 bonus

Computation:  $3.4167 + .0488 + .0183 = 3.4838$

Final Total Grade Point Average: 3.4838

d. Governor's School for the Arts – awarding bonus credit for approved courses.

Governor's School for the Arts courses shall receive half the amount of bonus credit as advanced placement courses.

Bonus credit will be awarded as follows for Governor's School for the Arts courses: (A , A-) = .0122; (B+, B, B-) = .0092; (C+, C, C-) = .0061; (D+, D) = .0031; and E = 0.

e. Future grades. Future grades earned in same or equivalent class will not be used to determine class rank or grade point average except as provided in School Board Regulation 5-26.2.

f. How class rank is determined. Class rank will be determined by assigning the student with the highest average the rank of number one (1); the second highest, the rank of number two (2), etc. In cases where more than one student has the same numerical average, all students with that average will be given the same rank. The next highest average will assume the next rank position, which will indicate the number of students having a higher rank.

1) Example:

Student No. 1 GPA = 3.9880 - Rank 1

Student No. 2 GPA = 3.9880 - Rank 1

Student No. 3 GPA = 3.8972 - Rank 3

Student No. 4 GPA = 3.8972 - Rank 3

The student with the next highest average will have the rank of five (5) in the class, indicating that there are four (4) students who rank higher.

g. Senior year. Class rank will be determined at the end of the senior year. All credits earned, regardless of the grade level, will be used in determining class rank.

h. Honor graduation determination. Honor graduation determinations will be made in accordance with School Board Policy 5-29.

i. Valedictorians and salutatorians – how determined. The designation of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be utilized. A student enrolled in a Virginia Beach City Public Schools advanced academic program who transfers to a comprehensive school during their junior or senior year,

will not qualify for Valedictorian/Salutatorian. The Superintendent or designee may authorize exceptions to this subsection.

- 1) For the Princess Anne High School International Baccalaureate Program and the Ocean Lakes High School Math and Science Academy the Superintendent shall authorize a Valedictorian/Salutatorian, for each advanced academic program and one for the comprehensive school.

## **B. Dual enrollment**

Only specifically approved dual enrollment courses that meet one of the following criteria will receive bonus credit.

1. The student has completed an AP course and enrolls in a higher-level sequential college course.
2. The college course has been identified on the approved course list as comparable to an AP course.

### **Editor's Note**

All see Guidelines for Grading and Reporting Student Progress on the School Division website: [www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com). Teachers see [vbcps.com](http://vbcps.com).

## **References**

**Dual Enrollment Courses: Weighted Credit 2024-25 SY**

## **Related Links**

School Board Regulation 5-26.2

School Board Policy 5-29

School Board Regulation 6-72.1

School Board Regulation 6-72.2

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